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The proposed reply received on 9/3/2003 (amended specification and claims) is not properly submitted because it is not in standard format and incomplete, no marked up copies are presented. It is noted the Power of Attorney has not been revoked with the document received 9/3/2003, only the mailing address has been changed.

There is a duly appointed attorney in this application. Applicants may consider withdraw of power of attorney and change of address if desired. The charge for the amendment as presented is \$110 for a one month extension of time. No attorney is required to obtain a US patent, applicants may obtain a patent on their own, called Pro se. The US Patent Office will correspond at a single address with a single applicant whose single signature would appear on all required documents. Any applicant you select can be an authorized person.

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It is noted this is the second occurrence of a non-responsive amendment being submitted in this application. Unless the deficiencies are corrected, this may result in abandonment of this application.

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